

Karl John Schoen collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Schoen, Karl John, 1894-1918
Title	Karl John Schoen collection
Date	1918-1968
Extent	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
Language	English
Text [Folder]	S1144

Preferred Citation

Karl John Schoen collection, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

Biographical Note

Karl John Schoen was born on October 20, 1894 to John, tailor and president of Schoen Brothers Cleaners, and Effie M. (Johnston) Schoen in Indianapolis, Indiana. Schoen graduated from Manual Training High School in 1913, and attended Purdue University with his brothers. In 1917, he married Maurene Luft, and joined the Purdue Unit at the first Officers' Training Camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison. Schoen served as a 1st lieutenant and World War I flying ace, credited with seven aerial victories while flying a Spad XIII for the United States Army Air Service during World War I. He perished when his plane was shot down on October 29, 1918, leaving behind his widow, Maurine, and a 10-month-old daughter. He was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross in 1919.

Sources:

Franks, Norman, and Harry Dempsey. *American Aces of World War I*. Oxford: Osprey Aviation, 2001.

Indianapolis Star, November 27, 1918.

The Aerodrome. "Karl Schoen." Accessed February 8, 2016. <http://www.theaerodrome.com/aces/usa/schoen.php>.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes a handwritten letter from Karl John Schoen to his brother, Joe Schoen, on October 28, 1918, regarding family news, Karl's promotion to captain, and flying against the German aviators, as well as biographical information about Karl Schoen and several newspaper clippings.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by subject.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts through correspondence between Thomas Krasean, Indiana State Library, and Joe J. Schoen, brother of Karl John Schoen, in 1968.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2015/11/19 by Linda Gellert. EAD finding aid created 2015/11/19 by Linda Gellert. EAD finding aid revised 2016/02/08 by Brittany Kropf.

Related Materials

Related Archival Material

Materials relating to this collection may be found in the following collections in Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN:

L138: Schoen family collection

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- United States. Army. Air Service.

Genre(s)

- Clippings
- Correspondence

Geographic Name(s)

- Indianapolis (Ind.)

Subject(s)

- Air pilots
- Biography
- Newspaper articles
- World War, 1914-1918